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EDUCATION TO ALL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed and achieved so far to provide education to all especially to poor during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the steps being taken to achieve the targets fixed for Eleventh Five Year Plan during the next two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (b): In order to attain the objective of Universalisation of Elementary Education, the Government has enacted the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 which provides for free and compulsory education to all children in the age group of 6-14 years. The RTE Act has come into force with effect from 1.4.2010. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), which is the main vehicle for implementation of RTE Act also seeks to attain the objective of Universalisation of Elementary Education in the age group of 6-14 years in a time bound manner. The targets fixed vis-a-vis the achievements made under SSA during the 11th Plan period are as under:

Activity	Targets for 11th Plan	Achievements during the first three years of 11th Plan (Till 31.12.2009)
Opening of Primary Schools	20000	29850
Opening of Upper Primary Schools	70000	49920
Construction of Additional Classrooms	887000	631360
Drinking Water Facilities	68000	26209
Toilet Facilities	204000	83641
Teachers sanctioned	818831	181949

In order to strengthen and bring qualitative improvement in school education at Secondary/Senior Secondary stages the following three centrally sponsored schemes have been launched during the current 11th Five Year Plan:

(i) Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan;

(ii) Scheme for setting up of 6000 Model Schools at Block Level as benchmark of excellence; and

(iii) Scheme for construction and running of Girls' Hostels for Students of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools.

The Government have fixed target of achieving 80% literacy, bridging the gender gap to 10% and minimising the social and regional disparities by 2012. To achieve this goal, Government have launched Saakshar Bharat, a new variant of National Literacy Mission w.e.f. 1.10.2009. During 2009-10 this programme was rolled out in 167 districts in 19 States to cover 3.83 crore non- literates in over 80,000 gram panchayats under basic literacy programme and to establish 81,007 adult education centres, one each in a gram Panchayat, under Continuing Education component. Grant-in-aid of Rs. 325.98 crore has been released to 19 States as first instalment of Government of India's share.